

## Boutique hotel, condos and new town name aired for Mack Town



**ROUND TABLE** McKinleyville residents brainstormed Dec. 11 on what they want to see in the McKinleyville Town Center. The meeting was hosted by the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee and the Humboldt County Planning Department. JACK DURHAM | UNION

**Jack Durham**  
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McKINLEYVILLE – Residents are refining their vision for downtown McKinleyville as they develop a master plan for what they hope will be a pedestrian friendly village with affordable housing, places to gather, enjoyable outdoor areas and plenty of small shops.

The ideas for the McKinleyville Town Center were discussed during a workshop Dec. 11 at the McKinleyville Pop-Up Museum. More than 70 people showed up and were divided into eight separate round-table discussions on Town Center topics.

“This is your time to shine,” Senior Planner Michael Richardson told the crowd at the beginning of the workshop. “You’re going to be asked to do all the work.” And that they did. At-

tendees brainstormed ideas and learned about some of the environmental and economic limitations of the undeveloped portion of the McKinleyville Town Center.

### Filling wetlands?

The McKinleyville Town Center includes 141 acres between Pierson Park, McKinleyville Avenue, Railroad Drive and south of Hiller Road. The largest undeveloped area is 43.7 acres located behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center, mostly west of the World’s Largest Totem Pole.

That property, owned by Anne Pierson, is the main focus of the Town Center planning process.

Although 43.7 acres may seem like a lot of land, from 31 percent to 61 percent of the property may be undevelopable due to the existence of wetlands.

TOWN CENTER ♦ A4

## RUNNING UGLY FOR HUMBOLDT EDUCARE



**SWEATERFEST** Humboldt Educare’s Fourth Annual Ugly Sweater Run filled the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary with unfortunate textile products and beautiful people Sunday morning. The run is the non-profit preschool’s annual fundraiser for providing quality, play-based education. [humboltdeducare.com](http://humboltdeducare.com) PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



## Wood briefs Supes on PG&E, taxes

**Daniel Mintz**  
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**HUMBOLDT** – Assemblymember Jim Wood has told supervisors that state lawmakers are “shocked by PG&E’s lack of understanding of its own power grid and how that affected us here in Humboldt County” and are “deep in discussions about wildfires and PG&E power shutoffs.”



**Assemblymember Jim Wood**  
*Discussed cannabis regulation*

In response, the chair of the Board of Supervisors once again pledged that there will be no more wide-ranging public safety power shutoffs in Humboldt County and reported that a meeting has been held with a high level manager of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

The implementation and management of power shutoffs was one of the most attention-getting aspects of Wood’s annual report to supervisors.

“The effects of power shutoffs on individuals and fam-

WOOD ♦ A2

## Law enforcement: no caps on Measure Z

**Daniel Mintz**  
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**HUMBOLDT** – Faced with declining Measure Z

public safety tax revenue and the increasing costs of law enforcement staff salaries, Humboldt County supervisors have decided that the situation is not at a critical level but have asked for a plan to address it.

At the Dec. 10 meeting, most of the Board of Supervisors didn’t support directing salary spending caps. Capping the salaries of previously-approved

Measure Z-funded law enforcement positions is on the table after the chair of an advisory committee recommended it.



**Steve Madrone**  
*‘A difficult position’*

A letter from the advisory committee has warned of “a developing financial trend where the inflationary increases to ongoing personnel costs are causing a significant decrease in the discretionary funding portion of the Measure Z revenue.”

County administrative staff reported that the cost

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Wood | Processing lessons learned during power shutoffs

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ilies and businesses have been significant,” he said. “I truly believe PG&E should be compensating customers for those losses – and I’m not talking about a \$200 credit on my bill.”

Wood, who lives in Santa Rosa, said he had six power shutoffs and emptied his refrigerator twice but “it’s easier for me than it is for a lot of other folks.”

He added, “We need to be cognizant of the effects on our communities because it is far-reaching” and “we need to also address PG&E’s future by considering what’s the best interest of the public, not PG&E executives and shareholders.”

Board Chair Rex Bohn referred to a “pretty harsh letter” that he and Sheriff Billy Honsal sent to PG&E on Humboldt County’s shutoffs – one of which was admitted to have been unnecessary – and “in less than six weeks we had the president in charge of power generating in a meeting yesterday, up here, with the manager of the Humboldt Bay Generating Station.”

One of the “holdups” on having the local power plant use its generators to power the grid on its own is air quality rules.

Bohn said a power production test will be done this week and he’s convinced that air quality variances can be granted as the

county “hasn’t had a bad air day in five years.”

Bohn added that with thousands of personal home generators running when there is a shutoff, “I think there’s an offset.”

The PG&E power production president “all but committed” to ensuring use of the local power plant in the future, Bohn continued, and he repeated an assurance he’s made before.

“We will not have these issues next year,” he said. “We will have a power generating station that isn’t just sitting out the power outage, it’s gonna take care of, not all of the county, but the major parts of the grid.”

Wood had also highlighted “the growing number of insurance non-renewals that are happening throughout the state” due to wildfires. Disallowing cancellations within a year of a wildfire is “a step in the right direction,” he continued, but he said more needs to be done.

He described his bill, AB 38, which creates a pilot project to help homeowners with fire resilience and establish standards for doing so.

Wood also told supervisors that he’s heard from many participants in the cannabis industry about “the challenges that they have to become legal and successful.”

Although there have been complaints about that locally, Wood gave supervisors kudos for establishing assistance programs and said Humboldt “really is a model for many other counties.”

A state-level cannabis tax increase will take effect in 2020 and Wood said “we were caught off guard,” as those in the industry have been, by scale of the increase.

State law allows tax increases that are based on inflation, but “I don’t think any of us expected going back to recoup the inflation of 2018 and 2019,” said Wood. “We’re asking questions and we hope to get some answers as to why they chose to do it that way – that was certainly not our intention and not our understanding of the way that things would work out.”

“Is there anything that can be done right now, is there any movement with (the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration) to lower those or defer them out?” asked Supervisor Estelle Fennell.

Wood said there have been several bills “to try and push the taxes down” but there has been “resistance” from the state’s Department of Finance. The bills are stalled, he continued.

“We envisioned the taxes to be much lower but unfortunately, the tax rates that you see are part of Prop. 64 and changing that is a real problem,”

Wood said.

Being one of the lawmakers who developed initial rules for medicinal cannabis, Wood said a “much simpler, more streamlined, easy to accomplish process that didn’t break the bank for people” was envisioned but “it hasn’t worked out that way, unfortunately.”

But some near future regulatory improvements are in process.

“There have been discussions in Sacramento that appear to reveal that the administration is going to be looking at making some modifications in the structure of how cannabis is regulated,” Wood said, adding that the changes will “positively affect” the situation.

Wood is developing legislation to “restore micro-businesses as we first understood them” and “make them a tool to allow North Coast cannabis businesses to thrive in the marketplace.”

With Senator Mike McGuire, Wood is also working on a law to allow “regulation and enforcement of appellations of origin.”

Wood chairs the Assembly Health Committee and he outlined his work on bills that control the pharmaceutical industry and its prices, require electronic logging of prescriptions and allow nurse practitioners to work without being supervised by physicians who are in short supply in rural areas.

Measure Z | \$4.1M increase

❖ **FROM A1**

of salaries and benefits for county staff has increased from 26 percent of total Measure Z funding in 2015 to 2016 to 68 percent of total funding in the current fiscal year. It’s an increase of \$4.1 million.

Those numbers were described as being “kind of skewed” by Sheriff Billy Honsal, who said the 2016 to 2017 year should be used as a baseline because that’s when all vacancies in the Sheriff’s Office were filled.

Since then, the percentage increase has been from 52 percent to 68 percent, Honsal said.

Beyond numbers and percentages, Honsal emphasized that funding for deputies and other public safety staff should continue because that’s the focus of Measure Z.

“Measure Z has become all things to all programs within the county,” he said. “And although it’s great and there’s a lot of deserving programs, I think this board and the county should really focus on those county essential services and rural fire – and roads – that the ballot measure was referring to.”

He added that he doesn’t believe the county “should be restricting or even discussing” caps on salary allocations because it “sends a bad message to law enforcement, to public safety and really, the intent of the ballot language.”

District Attorney Maggie Fleming said it’s unfair to offer jobs if there’s no assurance that their full costs won’t be covered.

“I can’t in good faith recruit someone to come from the Sheriff’s Office or (the Eureka Police Department), give up their seniority, take a position and then have to say, ‘I’m

sorry, I can’t fund that spot anymore,’” she told supervisors. “That’s the issue with salary caps – we can’t be in a position where we’re going to offer people jobs but then not be able to fund them down the road.”

County Chief Probation Officer Shaun Brenneman said Measure Z has “transformed our adult probation services” and to recruit officers, there needs to be “stability to be able to plan and make decisions.”

Most supervisors agreed with the department heads, saying law enforcement salary spending is what provides the public safety Measure Z is supposed to fund.

But Supervisor Steve Madrone said the imbalance between revenue and wage costs needs to be addressed because “left unchecked, we’re going to be in a difficult position in several years where we’re going to exceed the money anyway just simply because of increase in salaries.”

Saying “we do have to have a plan for that,” Madrone recommended “some sort of a cap” or leaving positions vacant. “Ultimately, we have to have a plan for this because at the rate of increase in salaries, we’re going to be up against this,” he said.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell said she appreciates the advisory committee’s fiscal caution but “I don’t think at this time it’s reached that level of emergency.”

She suggested that the board direct staff to “do a little bit more analysis” as the next fiscal year’s budget is developed.

Supervisors voted to have administrative staff work with the sheriff, DA and chief probation officer and come back with options on managing Measure Z costs.

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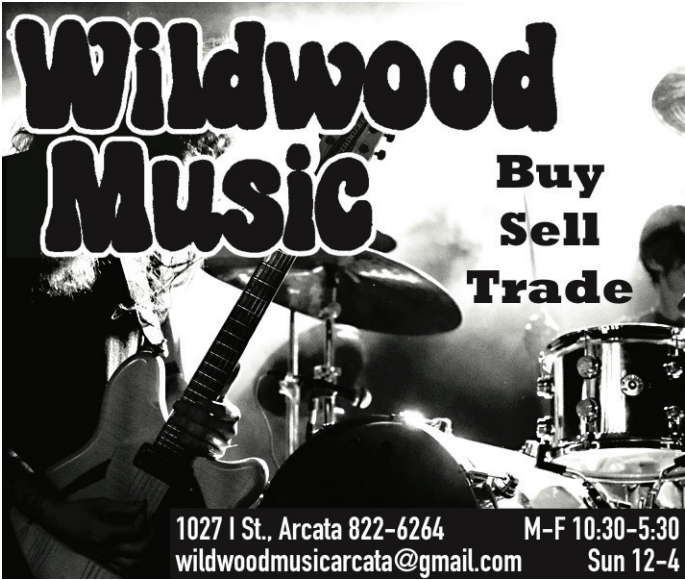
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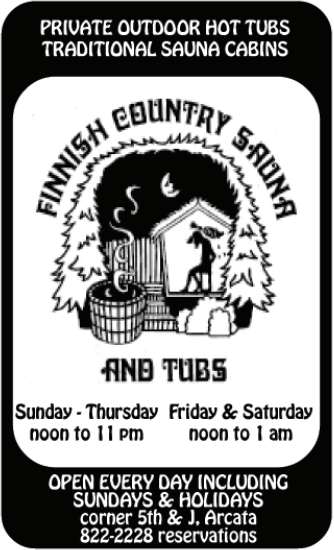
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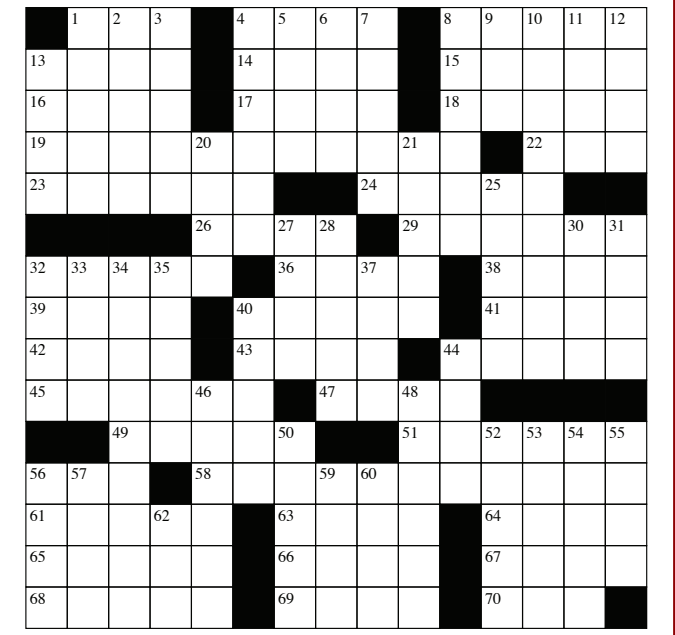
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- Gaelic
- Scouting groups
- Sled races
- Raise
- Suffix for long or strong

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- Meanie
- Planet
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# New Arcata mayor 'extremely proud' of false, divisive statements

**Kevin L. Hoover**

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ARCATA CITY HALL – Every December, the City Council names its mayor and vice mayor for the year to come, and rejiggers the numerous liaison responsibilities the five councilmembers have in relating to the outside world.

For the past year, Brett Watson has served as mayor and Michael Winkler as vice mayor. Under provisions of its newly revised Protocol Manual, the council could select its new leaders by rotation, or pick and choose as it's always done. With little discussion, it decided to go with the rotational method.

Watson nominated Winkler as mayor, with the motion seconded by Winkler. The motion carried 4-1, with Councilmember Sofia Pereira dissenting.

After the seat swap, Winkler nominated Councilmember Paul Pitino, with a second by Pereira. Pitino was unanimously voted in as vice.

Watson thanked City Attorney Nancy Diamond and City Manager Karen Diemer for invaluable support during his time as mayor.

Convening as the city's Joint Powers Authority, Winkler and Pitino were elected chair and vice chair.

After the meeting, Pereira declined to elaborate on why

she had not voted to affirm Winkler as mayor. She referred to her remarks during last year's selection meeting. It occurred during the aftermath of the vote during which Arcata voters voted decisively to remove the statue of President William McKinley from the Plaza.

Winkler had been heavily criticized for his conduct as an opponent for statue removal. Among other tactics, he had penned an "open letter" to then-Mayor Pereira over her support for removal, in which he characterized statue opponents as a "lynch mob."

At last year's meeting, Pereira had spoken up with "concerns," which she said she had already talked to Winkler about personally. She called into question Winkler's "ability and credibility to lead our community in an additional leadership role at this time."

Winkler also signed a ballot argument claiming that statue removal would cost more than a half-million dollars and cause layoffs of police officers or other city staff.

"To balance our budget, a \$525,000 project would require either cutting services—terminating approximately eight city employees (eight fewer police officers or the entire recreation de-



The 2019 Arcata City Council: Councilmember Susan Ornelas, Mayor Michael Winkler, Vice Mayor Paul Pitino, Councilmember Brett Watson and Councilmember Sofia Pereira. CITY OF ARCATA PHOTO

partment)," Winkler and other statue supporters had claimed. "That or raise taxes."

Statue removal ended up costing the city \$16,377 – 3 percent of the fearful projection.

Winkler is also compromised in serving as mayor due to his personal busi-

ness entanglements. His company, Redwood Energy, continued to consult with developer AMCAL after it had submitted a project – the Village housing development – for city approval. That disqualified him from participating in the matter and left the City Coun-

cil with four members and tied vote on the matter.

Prior business relations will prevent him from participating in the decision on DANCO's Creek Side Homes project at this Wednesday's council meeting as well.

For his part, Winkler has no regrets about any of it.

Said Winkler:

"I am extremely proud of my role in the statue controversy.

"I disrupted a highly undemocratic process and forced it to a democratic resolution.

"It was the most courageous action that I have ever

done in my 11 years in office.

"If I had not done so, I would have regretted it for the rest of my life.

"My successful goal has been to maximize the availability of high-quality, solar housing to low-income people in Arcata and throughout California. In Arcata, I have done so unpaid so that I could be fully in compliance with California conflict-of-interest regulations.

"In both of these circumstances, I have been able to provide excellent service to the residents of Arcata and will continue to do so in the coming year as Mayor."

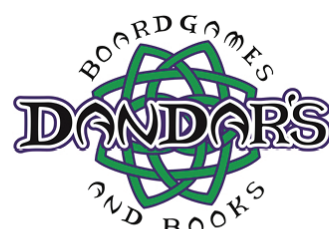
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# All-controlling proctologist supervillain casts a trashy destiny

• **Friday, November 8 12:55 a.m.** A man in Moe-Howard bowl-cut hairdo decided to try out the awesome-futile fad that’s sweeping the drunkoshpere – refusing to leave a business where you’re very much not wanted. The sloshed stooge surrogate squatted by a Heindon Road restaurant’s soda dispenser until government forces arrived to scoop him up, which they did.

**10:47 a.m.** A man in a multicolored dress yelled at children in the Redwood Park playground.

**11:01 a.m.** Any need a sneaky stealer may have had for food or cameras was satisfied via an unlocked window on Sierra Way.

**12:25 a.m.** Parking meter No. 20A is unpracticed in competitive eating contests, so when someone forced three hours worth of coins into it, clogstipation ensued.

**3:29 p.m.** As a woman sat in her car in an I Street lot, a doorhandle tryer tried her doorhandle, as door-handle tryers will do. It being unlocked, he tried to get in the car but was challenged by the driver, who reminded him that it wasn’t his car. At this, he reversed course but didn’t go to any other vehicle – instead, he

ambled out of the parking lot altogether, revealing that he didn’t have a car there and vanquishing any benefit of the doubt that it had all been a simple mistake.

**5:22 p.m.** Who leaves their purse, phone, backpack and video game overnight in a car with a partly open window these days and expects any of it to still be there in the morning? Someone on Sunset Avenue does, or did when they still owned those things.

**5:24 p.m.** Two women turned up at not-the-worst-or-cheapest Valley West motel, asking about prices. The establishment not being a squalid scumhaven like certain others, the cost of lodging was commensurate with minimal thresholds of human decency. And that was a price they weren’t willing to pay. Upset, the two drove around the parking lot for a time offering to shoot the other guests, then departed southbound toward more accommodating motels with the highest mildew ratings of any commercial lodging facilities within the territorial limits of the United States (naturally

excluding tropical possessions).

• **Sunday, November 10 12:21 a.m.** Guys were enjoying bro time on an A Street porch when this one dude whips out a blade and waves it at the others, who rapidly chart a course in a less dicey direction.

• **Wednesday, November 13 10:30 a.m.** Painting over the “25 MPH” stencil on the pavement doesn’t actually change the speed limit.

**7:29 p.m.** Throwing your arm around a process server and trying to fling the person to the ground doesn’t actually cancel the notice being served.

• **Thursday, November 14 7:27 a.m.** A man called with a gibberish-rich complaint about garbage behind a Valley West motel’s back staircase, an area he said was “controlled” by the town proctologist, inspiring dystopian visions of a hollowed-out volcano teeming with uniformed minions and blinking computers in which diabolical colorectal surgeons wield their trash-casting tractor beam across the motelscape.

**10:23 a.m.** A white Toyota Prius wearing a saucy black leather bra

swerved up onto the sidewalk at 11th and K streets, where it lustily knocked down a Bike Lane sign and then whirled away.

**2:15 p.m.** A man at a senior living facility said he was the victim of a hacker. The problem wasn’t with his computron; rather, his oxygen tank had been hacked and its supply somehow limited by the cyberfiends.

• **Friday, November 15, 2019 2:16 p.m.** A woman at a North-town motel said she and her boyfriend had dropped acid a few days ago, and rather than simply enjoy the synesthesiac rewiring of his mental switchboard by hearing the colors and seeing the music, he had become violent but somehow managed not to touch or harm her.

**2:56 p.m.** A woman keeps sneaking into a shed on Mustang Lane, where she amuses herself by lighting candles.

• **Sunday, November 17 10:30 a.m.** There were only 98 bottles of beer on the wall, and one less bottle of champagne as well after a thirsty chap scuttled out of a California Avenue shop clutching the unpaid-for vessels.

**3:57 p.m.** In a nostalgic callback to the grow house era of 10 years

ago, a home on Spruce Way exudes an eye-watering, nose-tin-gling green cannabis pong and sees the incessant pitter-patter of stoney feet and vehicles 24/7.

• **Tuesday, November 19 8:53 p.m.** As a man on Hidden Creek Road changed his clothes, he noticed someone wiping rainwater off his window, presumably to get a better view of the procedure.

• **Wednesday, November 20 9:28 p.m.** Whether to prove a point, honor a lost bet, subdue fleas, keep warm or simply feel something in our numbingly dystopian era, a man body slammed his own body into cars at various Valley West burgerterias.

• **Friday, November 22 1:18 p.m.** A regrettable contretremps erupted when a Spartan Lane resident was paid a call by a neighbor who wanted a reduction in the bass levels rocking his mobile home two doors down. But didn’t get a neighborly yes for an answer, and thence ensued a titanic struggle between the two over the front door, and whether or not it would be slammed. The resident claimed his shoulder had been dislocated in the desultory door duel, but declined medical attention.

## Homeless vigil set for Friday, Dec. 21

**AFFORDABLE HOMELESS HOUSING ALTERNATIVES**

HUMBOLDT – Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives and Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR) is sponsoring a memorial on the night of Dec. 21 at about 6 p.m. — the longest night of the year — to honor and remember friends, loved ones, and neighbors who have died while homeless in Humboldt County.

The Night of Remembrance coincides with winter solstice and National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day. The event will begin at 4 p.m. at the Gazebo in Old Town, Eureka.

The memorial will include a candlelight vigil and time to remember each person lost over the

last year by name.

There will be warm food and beverages, clothing and other winter warmth for folks outside and discussions about homelessness.

If you’d like to help with food, music, memorial display or have any questions or suggestions, contact AHHA at (707) 267-4035 or (707) 298-1466, or email [ahha.humco@gmail.com](mailto:ahha.humco@gmail.com) or [hachr707@gmail.com](mailto:hachr707@gmail.com).

If you can, please bring winter clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, socks, hats, gloves or any warm gear, like tents and tarps, etc. to donate for people who need them. All donations are welcomed and appreciated.

## Seniors served holiday meals

**HUMBOLDT SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER**

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt Senior Resource Center (HSRC) will celebrate the December holidays at the Senior Dining Centers in Arcata, Eureka and Fortuna on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

At the Eureka dining center, Bob Ebenstein will perform from 11 a.m. to noon. with door prizes and festive decorations. Guests in Arcata and Fortuna will enjoy music, special treats and decorations.

Lunch service begins at 11:30 a.m.

in Arcata and Eureka and at noon in Fortuna. A special holiday meal at all three centers which will include baked ham, candied yams, green beans, dinner roll and apple pie. Low-fat or nonfat milk is served with each meal. The suggested donation is \$3.50; no one age 60-plus will be denied a meal if unable to donate. For those under 60, there is a \$6 fee.

For reservations in Arcata: call Vanessa at (707) 825-2027; Eureka: call Cathy at (707) 443-9747; Fortuna: call Launa at (707) 725-6245.

## Town Center | Wetlands could limit development; projects must be economically viable

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That depends upon which wetland definition is used and whether the community is willing to fill the wetlands and have their loss mitigated elsewhere.

When considering whether to designate an area as a wetland, agencies look at three parameters – vegetation, soils and hydrology. The Army Corps of Engineers may require all three parameters to be consistent with wetlands to determine that an area is a wetland, while other agencies may only require one of those parameters for a wetland designation.

If only one parameter is required, about 18.3 acres of that property would be designated as wetlands. If you add in the required buffer zones, that wetland area is 26.5 acres, or 61 percent of the property.

More land would be available for development if the three-parameter standard is used. That would designate about 6.5 acres as wetlands. With the buffer zones, the total wetland area would be 13.7 acres, or 31 percent of the property.

Property owner Anne Pierson, who has been supportive of the Town Center idea, said she has concerns about the wetland designations.

“I am totally willing to honor the wetlands, but to me, one parameter is too restrictive,” Pierson said.

She questioned the accuracy of the draft wetland maps and suggested that they be looked at again by experts.

“This whole thing needs to be reviewed by a specialist,” Pierson said.

County Planner Lisa Shikany said that the community needs to decide whether it should preserve the wetlands or fill them in.

If wetlands were filled, new ones would need to be created elsewhere as an environmental mitigation. Shikany said that as a general rule, three acres of wetlands must be created for each acre that’s filled.

If residents look to the town’s growth blue print – the McKinleyville Community Plan – for guidance, they’ll find policies that encourage wetland preservation.

“The community plan is very protective of wetlands,” Shikany said.

That plan, approved in 2002, also called for the creation of a McKinleyville Town Center, as well as an ordinance dictating building standards for the downtown.

Others at the workshop said that the wetlands should be considered an asset. They could be used for open space, parks and trails, and could be part of what draws people to the area.

Whitney introduced the topic with an overview of the economy.

“We currently find ourselves in an economic expansion,” Whitney said. “The Humboldt County unemployment rate is 2.7 percent and is at historic lows. McKinleyville added 310 new jobs between 2012 and 2017.” He said it’s likely that even more jobs were added in the past two years.

“On paper the picture seems rosy, but the reality may feel entirely different for many,” Whitney said. “Economic inequality is obvious as houseless people inhabit our communities. Addiction, intergenerational poverty and mental illness are all on display.”

When it was time for public input, McKinleyville resident Jim Biteman suggested lessons from the best seller *Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America* by James Fallows and Deborah Fallows.

The book looks at what successful towns are doing to improve themselves. Some of strategies include working together, having a downtown, having leaders and having big plans and public/private partnerships.

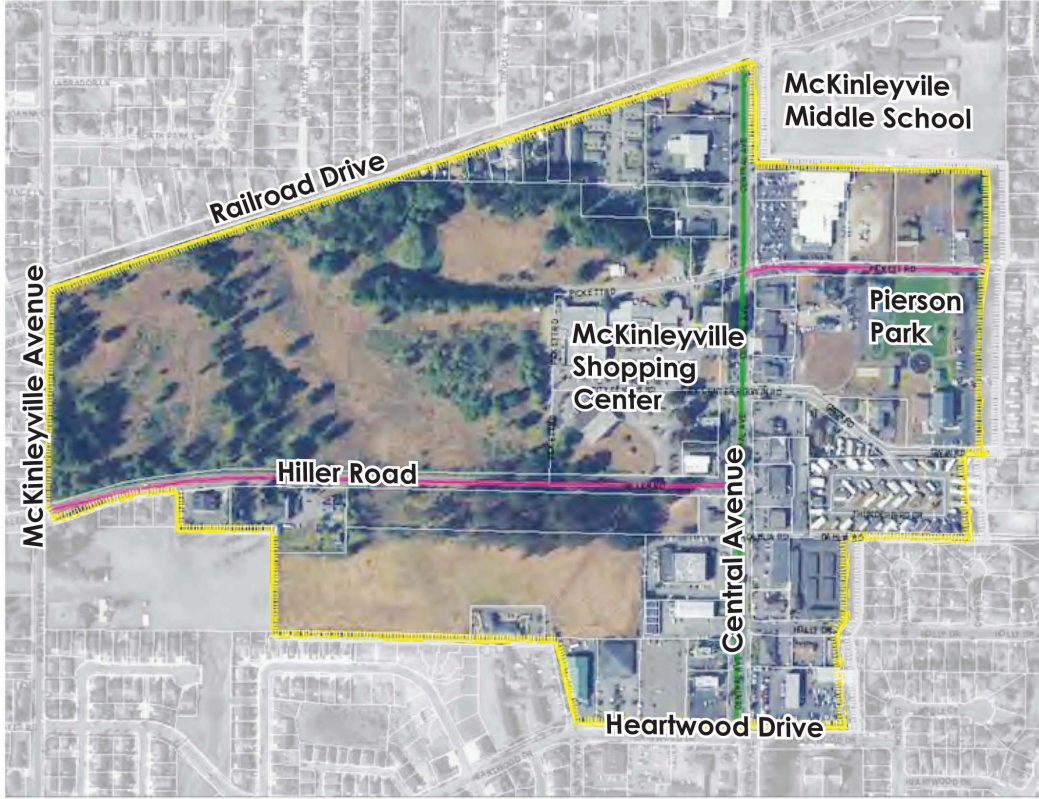
Linda Doerflinger said she wanted to have some sort of attraction in the Town Center, like a museum, civic center and “anything that introduces people to the outdoors.”

McKMAC member Greg Orsini said that whatever is built in the Town Center is going to have to be profitable for the developer.

“Investors aren’t going to invest in that plan if they can’t make money,” Orsini said.

Repeatedly through the workshop, and at different tables, participants suggested multi-story buildings with retail on the ground floor and residential hous-

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ing on the top floors. Orsini suggested buildings three or four stories high.

“Go dense!” exclaimed a participant.

Along with tall, high-density buildings, other suggestions for making the Town Center economically viable included reducing parking requirements and setbacks, and having the county contribute financially to the Town Center, and obtaining grants and tax credits.

Whitney repeated the warning that whatever is built has to be economically viable.

“Everything has to pencil,” Whitney said. “The Taj Majal will not be funded here in McKinleyville.”

**Welcome to ‘Ocean Bluffs’**

Participants noshed on Las Fortunitas Corn Tortilla Chips, guacamole, salsa and chocolate chip cookies, washing them down with La Croix seltzers and water from single-use plastic bottles.

But the ideas flowed faster than the beverages. Here are some of them:

- Change the town’s

name from McKinleyville to Ocean Bluffs.

- Encourage mixed-use development and a variety of housing types.
- Include high-end retirement condominiums.
- Build a boutique hotel.
- Provide transitional services for homeless people.
- Design housing with smaller setbacks and variable heights.
- Incorporate tiny houses.
- Don’t allow national corporate chains.
- Have restrictions on signage.
- Include public art and artist lofts and workshops.
- Have wide sidewalks, parking in the periphery and have a shuttle to help people move around.
- Build a pedestrian bridge over Central Avenue.
- Include entertainment such as bowling, a theater and an arcade.
- Make it look like a French village.
- Include a separation between sidewalks and roadways.
- Require green building

practices.

**What’s next?**

According to Senior Planner Richardson, the goal is to have the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee review the final draft of a Town Center ordinance in March and make a recommendation.

“Things are going to accelerate really quick,” Richardson said.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, a meeting will be held to review “Natural Resource Protection, Land Use, Open Space, Design,” time and location to be announced.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, a meeting will be held to review “Transportation, Streetscape, Public Facilities, Financing.”

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, the McKMAC is scheduled to review the Town Center ordinance.

On Wednesday, March 11, the McKMAC is scheduled to review the final draft and make a recommendation. The ordinance would ultimately need to be approved by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

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And now a word for you drivers

Friends, neighbors and visitors:  
I've recently returned to Arcata after several years in Seattle. I've been walking around town quite a bit and have been surprised at the many drivers who do not stop for pedestrians. One of my preferred transportation modes is to walk. I do not drive as I am sight impaired.

You likely know that according to California Vehicle Code 21950, "drivers shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection."

What you may not know, is that the primary tool that most folks who are blind or sight-impaired use to determine when it is safe to cross a street is hearing. So, when it is quiet (meaning hearing no cars or hearing idling cars), one can safely and confidently cross, going about their merry way.

When a pedestrian who is blind is preparing to cross an intersection and drivers continue through without stopping, it usually causes stress, uncertainty and fear, because the expectation is to hear the car slow, and then stop. So, coming to a complete stop is how you communicate to the blind pedestrian that it is safe to cross the street. Shouting or honking is not usually helpful, it is distracting, stressful and sort of awful, actually. And, waving is completely ineffective though apparently happens often according to trusted sources.

So, on behalf of all pedestrians, especially those who are more vulnerable for various reasons, please come to a complete stop when you see us preparing to cross the street and allow us to go about our business safely and peacefully. Note that this is about unsignalized intersections. Intersections with signals, preferably accessible pedestrian signals, (APS) are much more easily managed because the "go or not go" cue is far more clearly discernable.

I'll write soon about the challenges of crossing ambiguous and daunting Arcata intersections (like the four-way stops downtown, the roundabouts, etc.). I know you're waiting with bated breath!

Thank you for reading and safe walking, rolling, biking and driving to all!

Peggy Martinez  
Arcata

Sacrificed to the wind

Wind energy supporters are right that our present climate emergency demands immediate action. But what action and by whom is a big question. "We all need to make sacrifices," but for the Terra Gen Wind Project it looks like the usual sacrificial lambs – non-human lives and non-industrial cultures.

Couldn't the rest of us sacrifice some comfort, convenience, and profit to save our disappearing native cultures and species? Drive less, slow down, forego some air travel and shopping, buy solar panels and electric vehicles? Difficult and unpopular, yes, but is our only alternative to erect gigantic killing machines on sacred ground?

This monumental project, likely the biggest ever here – 47 wind towers, twice the height of our tallest redwood trees, stretched across high ridgetop grasslands and forests in a 1,000-foot-wide band nearly 15 miles long – will have large and lasting impacts. Greenhouse gas generation and environmental damage from its construction, transportation, maintenance, and decommissioning is huge, and inadequately measured. Forty-seven 10 foot thick, 60 foot radius cement footings will be left in perpetuity, fragmenting the Cape Mendocino Grasslands, one of the largest expanses of coastal grassland in California, containing documented and potential cultural sites significant to the Wiyot, and designated important bird habitat. Forty-seven 400 foot-wide rotor blades will slice continually for decades through the flyways of birds and bats up to the height of 60 story buildings, threatening extinctions and changing humidity and fire resistance over broad swaths of land. That's just for starters.

The permitting process is being rushed to meet a deadline for maximum federal tax credits.

Joyce King  
McKinleyville

Support the Humboldt Wind Project

As a resident of McKinleyville I am writing you to ask for your support of the Humboldt Wind Project.

We need to change the way we look at our impact on the environment by our choices for the future. After going to a few of the meetings I am shocked how short sighted the opponents of the project are. It seems they think we should keep doing in the future what got us into this crisis in the first place. No matter where in Humboldt a project would be planned, they would find reasons to object. Maybe they want to go back to living off the grid like we did 150 years ago, we can't. This is too important.

The impacts are much smaller than the impacts if we don't do anything. We have to be brave and think about the future and accept a few changes that help the big picture.

Most people I know are in support of the Wind Project and any others that make sense, but they did not bother going to the meetings. Those attending were mainly opponents, not representative of the population.

Please think of the future for us and the planet.

Sincerely,  
Robert Earl  
McKinleyville

Don't go backward with wind

Mr. Webb warns of a 10 to 15 year climate emergency window (Union, Dec. 5), yet appears untroubled by TerraGen's immediate release of many years' worth of greenhouse gasses (GHG) from the construction of their wind project that they justify and disguise by amortizing them over 30 years.

He contrasts our "concern for birds and bats" with "the wholesale loss of species to climate change." However, we have no idea how rare and diverse species such as have evolved on these ridges will adapt to climate change. Preserving their carbon-sequestering habitat is critical to their, and ultimately our survival. Ignoring the impacts from our technologies on biodiversity has led to both the climate and extinction crises.

The many benefits enjoyed by solarizing municipalities around the country and globally are simply dismissed: widespread public and private onsite solar, ownership and resilience, the economy of scale, the 30 percent tax credit, and affordable financing of home solar systems.

Pairing Electric Vehicles (EV) with solar microgrids is the most radical way to reduce the 70 percent of our GHG emissions coming from vehicles, providing resilience and mobile storage and supply during emergencies. EVs are mostly maintenance free for their 500,000 mile life, and along with the inexpensive "rooftop fuel," and revenues from selling their stored electricity, pay for everything in a few years. Some electric buses in Long Beach can charge along their route without cords or wires.

Our BoS is at a crossroads: permitting TerraGen opens the door to industrialized utility scale onshore wind power expansion

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and a colonized economy based on selling subsidized electricity to the grid, ignoring the unacceptable social, economic, cultural, and environmental costs.

On Dec 16, our Supervisors could instead attract solar entrepreneurs and financiers by agreeing with the planning commission and denying the permit. Smart microgrids employing 21st century technology (TerraGen's would be familiar to George Westinghouse in the 19th century) could be popping up quickly, and rooftop solar could be benefiting owners, renters, and public entities by the time offshore wind gets off the ground by 2025.

While we solarize the County, we can buy clean wind power from up-powered sites where the impacts have already occurred, the wind patterns are well established, and the infrastructure is already in place. [facebook.com/northcoastclimatejusticecoalition](https://www.facebook.com/northcoastclimatejusticecoalition)

Ken Miller  
McKinleyville

Housing not handcuffs

Homelessness remains a crisis as stagnant wages, rising rent, and a grossly insufficient social safety net have left millions of people homeless or at-risk. Although many people experiencing homelessness have literally no choice but to live outside and in public spaces, laws and enforcement practices punish the presence of visibly homeless people for doing things in public that every person has to do. Homeless people, like all people, must engage in activities such as sleeping or sitting down to survive. These harmless, unavoidable behaviors are punished as crimes or civil infractions.

The criminalization of homelessness includes the passage of laws or ordinances that prohibit camping, sleeping, sitting, lying down or storing personal belongings in public, and loitering, soliciting donations, living in vehicles, and sharing food. It also includes unfairly enforcing other laws such as jaywalking, disorderly conduct, and the practice of sweeps or displacing homeless people from public spaces through harassment, threats, and evictions from living in camps. One third of all homeless individuals are unsheltered on any given night. The growing issue of homelessness has been met with increasingly strict homeless legislation that seeks to reduce the visibility of unhoused individuals.

Despite ample evidence to show that criminalization strategies are ineffective, many cities have increased their efforts because people do not want to see homeless people near their businesses or homes and arresting them is the quickest way to remove them. Cities are criminalizing homelessness despite the absence of housing, shelter and other basic resources. The biggest cause of homelessness is not drugs but the lack of affordable housing with tragic life altering events and physical impairments like depression or untreated mental illness. These laws violate constitutional rights. The use of law enforcement as a primary tool in dealing with homelessness is counterproductive. Evacuating encampments simply disburse problems from a contained

location to a wider area. The Grand Jury report notes that both the homeless population and the number of citations issued for homeless-related offenses have risen in recent years indicating the approach has not helped curb undesired behaviors or decrease the number of people unsheltered. Law enforcement efforts only create more exhaustion, mental anguish, and the need for drugs to mask those states. The report concludes that creating more debt through fines and criminal arrest records erects steeper barriers for the homeless in finding work and qualifying for housing in an ever-tightening rental market. The Grand Jury investigation uncovered ample evidence that criminalizing the human activities of the unhoused is far more costly than providing transitional housing and support services.

Homelessness is a serious problem and not exclusive to our community. Despite a variety of approaches by the City of Eureka, the County of Humboldt, and a large number of nonprofit organizations, the homeless crisis has been ongoing for over 30 years with few successes. Locally, the situation has been raised to the level of a "crisis" that seems unmanageable.

The Homeless Bill of Rights seeks to amend local codes that outlaw these basic human rights that disproportionately affect homeless people. Homeless advocates agree that the issue of homelessness can only be alleviated if there is a focus placed on changing laws that criminalize homelessness.

Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA) supports the Grand Jury key findings:

- Disbursing homeless encampments creates roadblocks to providing services that transition people into housing and a stable living situation.
- Citations and arrests have not resulted in reducing the overall number of unhoused people.
- The financial cost of criminalizing the homeless far exceeds the cost of providing services that transition people into housing and a stable living situation.
- Continuing to cite and arrest homeless individuals participating in the daily activities of life will not improve the available housing inventory.

AHHA also supports the Grand Jury recommendations:

- Establish a committee to review various city ordinances and offer recommendations for changing, amending or suspending various enforcement laws that criminalize the homeless in the daily activities of living in which they cannot avoid.
- Establish storage sites for the homeless at strategic locations.
- Provide additional public restrooms/porta potties throughout the community.

Laws that criminalize homelessness are immoral and offend our basic human instincts. They are contrary to the fundamental religious and political principals from which the American people seek guidance, and their existence demonstrates that we have fallen vastly short of these aspirations. Criminalization of homelessness is not only inhumane, but it is an irrational public response to a problem that has to do with housing, not individual behavior.

Winchell Dillenbeck, AHHA boardmember  
McKinleyville

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# Back from the dead: a Giant returns home

**Steve D’Agati**  
SPECIAL TO THE UNION

I knew about the historic tree. I had also heard the rumor.

David Heller’s story, “A Fieldbrook Giant and the Astor Dining Table” was a major break tracking this story down; and by doing so, they brought a living legacy back to Humboldt.

His August article appeared in the Redheaded Blackbelt: In 1896, one of the largest-ever known redwood trees in the world was unceremoniously cut down just outside the small town of Fieldbrook. Known as the Fieldbrook Giant from where it grew, or the Fieldbrook Stump after it was cut, it was a redwood the world would marvel over after hearing of its untimely demise.

The cutting of the Fieldbrook Giant captured the world’s imagination in newspaper stories from California to Europe. Redwoods were widely known throughout the world by this time, and the public was either enamored or dismayed by the falling of the

Nonetheless, the weighty slab had been shipped from Humboldt to San Francisco, sailed around the Cape Horn to New York, freighted to London over two days, and arduously hauled up the Thames by a team of 16 horses to the Astor Estate. The slab now sits at the former Astor garden in Cliveden, now part of the National Trust.

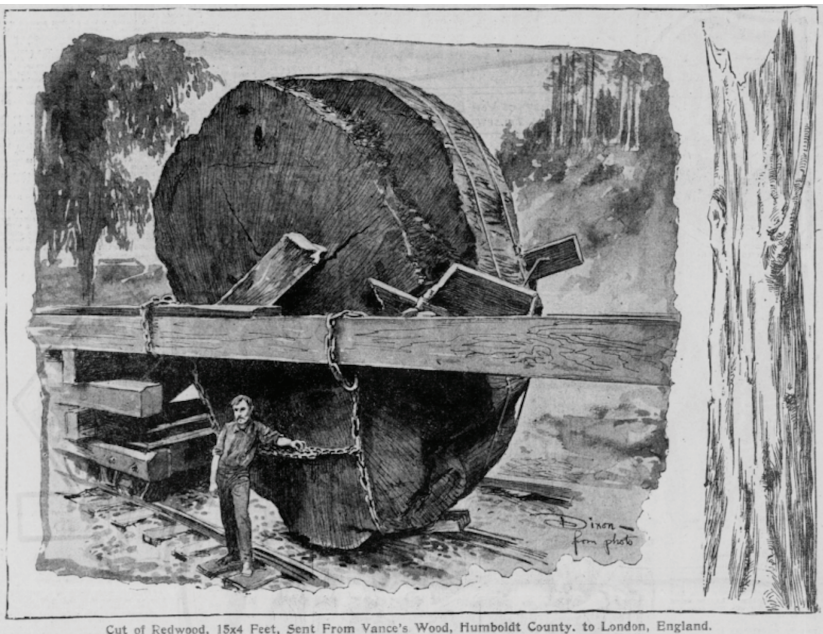
Surprisingly enough, there is also another crosscut section of the Fieldbrook tree locally on display – in Eureka at the Blue Ox Millworks. This crosscut was salvaged from Eureka’s historic Stump House, a local tourist attraction selling souvenir novelties and gifts.

Blue Ox also has the original 20-foot custom-made saw specifically used to cut down the Giant. Eric Hollenbeck, Blue Ox’s director, explained it was a custom-made number manufactured by the Holmes Lumber Company’s machine shop for the Vance Lumber Mill.

Hollenbeck further explained it likely took the Vance’s best two



**FELLED GIANT** The Fieldbrook Stump with 60 Little Sprouts on it. ERICSON COLLECTION, HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY



**CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK** Drawing of the Astor Slab cut from the Fieldbrook Giant. SAN FRANCISCO CALL, JANUARY 15, 1899, AND FROM REDHEADED BLACKBELT

Fieldbrook Giant.

The base of the tree measured a colossal 32 to 35 feet across in diameter, and details of the tree’s age, height and circumference varied widely in sensationalist reports.

The Fieldbrook Giant was felled so a huge crosscut section of the tree — weighing in at 13.5 tons—could be shipped to England for the William Astor estate.

Supposedly William made a drunken bet that “trees in California were so large he could make a table seating 20 people around it.” As the alleged story grew further, ‘the dining table sat 49 people’ around its tremendously wide girth and with space to spare.

William Astor, however, said the ostentatious story was untrue — and, demanding retractions, he’d sue any newspaper repeating it.

sawmen working 10-hour days for a week or more felling the massive tree.

I’d heard the rumor about the tree, too. Someone, many years ago, located the Fieldbrook Giant and extracted its still-living tissue. Through David Heller’s story, I found this was not only true, but the article contained the exact information I needed: David Milarch, a fourth-generation arborist, found the tree, extracted living cells or cuttings from its basal sprouts, and propagated clones of the Giant in his Michigan lab.

Milarch’s company, the Archangel Ancient Tree Archive, finds, preserves, and propagates what they term rare “champion trees.” A former biker, ex-heavy drinker, and nearly dead from renal failure on the operating table before being brought back to life, Mi-

larch’s mission now is to preserve the DNA genetics of these ancient old growth trees in “living libraries” before they disappear forever. The Giant was one of his missions. In fact, it was his very first cloning experiment.

Having David Heller’s information in hand, I contacted the Archangel company. Their website doesn’t readily indicate they give or sell any of their trees away to the public and their business model is unusual to say the least. But at least I had a lead to work with.

An online search indicated the Fieldbrook Giant (or Stump,



**A WEE SPROUT** One of the Cloned Saplings ready for planting.

ARCHANGEL ANCIENT TREE ARCHIVE

whichever you like), never made its way back to Humboldt. Had no one thought of doing this before? Talking to many residents of Fieldbrook, some remembered playing on the stump when they were young and now bringing their children and grandchildren to play on it, too. They were completely surprised to find out it still lives — albeit in clone form, and in Copemish, Michigan.

I asked the Archangel company if they would send me the Fieldbrook clone. I assured them we had the right growing conditions and made the strong case of it coming home.

I patiently waited. I contacted the company again several times. I heard very little, if anything, in reply. It just wasn’t looking good.

Then, in a sudden confirmation phone call, I was told they would indeed send a Giant clone.

It would be at the end of October, their only delivery window for shipping. I’d have to pay a small amount for Michigan inspection and treatment, and the FedEx shipping. I’d have to be on the porch when delivery came, immediately take the tree out of the shipping box and give it some water, and promptly transplant it into the ground or a larger container. I readily agreed.

Then, almost haphazardly, I thought I might as well go for broke. “Could you send me five trees?” I politely asked, the amount they said the state inspector would allow without getting himself too cranky.

I thought this dicey last-ditch effort would nix things entirely. Apparently, it didn’t.

Yes, they would, they said. “Get them into the ground and give them life,” Don Smith, the company volunteer, told me. They didn’t want their prize saplings suffering or even dying because of my random neglect.

The five little trees arrived two weeks ago. Alive and well.

They certainly didn’t look like behemoths when I peered into the box. The 18-inch trees came in a packing container filled with Styrofoam peanuts and small air holes punched into the sides. “Live Trees” were emblazoned on the box along with the State Inspector’s required paperwork.

I carefully took them out of the box, noticing the main stems were attached to supporting sticks and their fragile branches delicately taped for shipment. They were in surprisingly good shape. I brought them over to the barn for some water and to slowly acclimate them to natural sunlight. The following day I transplanted them into larger pots.

It’s taken the Archangel com-



**JUNIOR GIANT** The Fieldbrook Giant – minus 1,175 years – returning home. STEVE D’AGATI PHOTO

pany 4 1/2 years to grow these small trees from micro-cuttings to their 18-inch size. It will take another 1,175 years for them to grow as large as the original Giant did. I don’t think any of us will be around by then.



**CLONE AGE** Steve D’Agati presents the giant clone seedling to Eric Hollenbeck of Blue Ox Millworks. VIA BLUE OX MILLWORKS

So now what? Where will these trees grow from here?

Here’s the general idea: I would like one of the Giant trees returning to Fieldbrook. That’s a very important consideration. Their community deserves having it return home. I’m looking for an individual or organization with a suitable site who would like it — and a place where the Fieldbrook community can see it. I haven’t decided on a spot yet. Do you know of one?

Another tree has been accepted by the Blue Ox Millworks and

Historic Village. They’ll have it on display for the public to see, learning of its storied history. For them, it’s a project coming full circle and one to inspire future generations. If you haven’t been to Blue Ox lately, you should see what they have going on. It’s an exceptional place of craftsmanship, ideas and industry.

And still another Giant tree will grow at an undisclosed location in Freshwater. As for the other two trees, I’m still undecided. I’m not sure where they will go. Any suggestions?

Think of it. 120 years after being cut down and thought to be gone forever, The Fieldbrook Giant is back by a miracle of modern science. It’s almost like something out of Jurassic Park.

Thanks to David Heller’s story in the Redheaded Blackbelt, The Archangel Ancient Tree Archive, and with some simple persistence, the Fieldbrook Giant (or Stump, whichever name you prefer) has returned for the first time to Humboldt County. This wouldn’t have happened without this.

If you have any helpful suggestions or comments, please leave a reply. I would like hearing it.

Thank you.

**Further information**

Odd, Old News: “A Fieldbrook Giant and the Astor Dining Table” Archangel Ancient Tree Archive website, [ancienttreearchive.org](http://ancienttreearchive.org)

Archangel’s Blog of Going from Clone to Tree

National Geographic’s Short, Inspiring Piece on David Milarch: “Moving Giants”

Blue Ox Millworks and Historic Village

*Steve D’Agati is a retired employee of the Humboldt County Probation Department, having*



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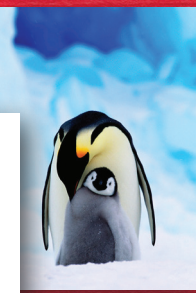
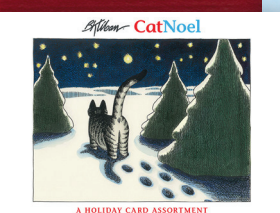


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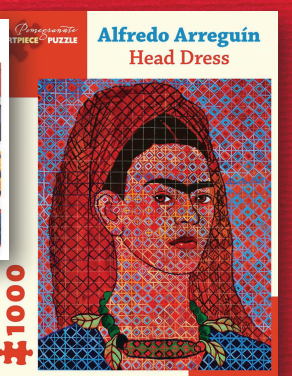
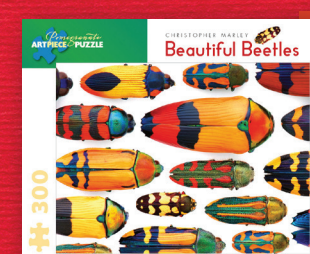
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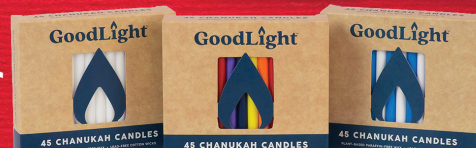


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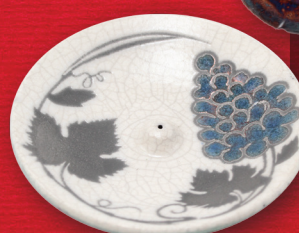
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# Chamber's Green Business nominees make their case

**Joellen Clark-Peterson**  
ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ARCATA – Every year, the Arcata Chamber of Commerce offers its Business Leadership Awards in six categories:

Business of the Year, as decided by the City of Arcata's Economic Development Committee; Small Business of the Year; Nonprofit of the Year; New Chamber Member of the Year; Hospitality and Tourism of the Year; Green Business of the Year; Beautification of the Year.

The 2019 awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Business Leadership Awards dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center. Get tickets at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Green Business**

The green business category recognizes local businesses who strive to conduct themselves in a more environmentally conscious way. This year's nominees:

**What do you bring to this category?**

**Six Rivers Solar**  
Dan Johnson  
Part Owner/Operations Manager

When Norm started the business 40 years ago, solar wasn't an industry yet. We found energy solutions where there previously hadn't been any. Now that the solar industry has matured, we are focused exclusively on renewable energy and battery backup.

We have an upcoming program that allows a customer to track their own



**GREEN NOMINEES** Miguel Godinez, Norm Ehrlich and Dan Johnson of Six Rivers Solar; Lloyd and Stacey Barker of Local Worm Guy; and Jenifer Sherman-Ruppe of Plastic Uniquely Recycled (PUR). Below, the Arcata Chamber Board of Directors at last year's awards dinner.



COURTESY JOELLEN CLARK-PETERSON | ARCATA CHAMBER

carbon footprint and the impact their solar has on the environment. For example, I put solar on my new house 18 months ago and I've saved almost 18,000 pounds of Co2 emissions, the equivalent of planting 446 trees.

And that's just so far! We are creating a carbon tree where you can see your overall carbon influence, including anyone you have referred who gets solar. We want to show how reaching out in the community can exponentially affect climate change in a positive way.

This and the next three – five years is a great time to go solar. The equipment has matured, the tax credits are still there, and the state has rebates to help you afford batteries.

Most solar companies offer long warranties, but we are the only one that has been around longer than our warranty periods, meaning you can count on outstanding service for the life of your investment. We are also the only ones with a retail store, so if you ever need something, you know

where to find us.

**Plastic Uniquely Recycled (PUR)**  
Jenifer Sherman-Ruppe  
Owner/Designer

I recycle plastic here in Humboldt county and turn it into jewelry. It's an amazing place to do any kind of recycling because of the people who live here. PUR is a flagship business – you can take something free and everywhere and elevate it out of the waste system.

I take Type 5 plastics that are collected at local businesses, including prescription bottles and cannabis containers. I shred and wash them and separate colors into jar, then use molds and a heat process.

I'm continuing to get businesses and people involved: Getting people to return their prescription bottles and take the labels off. Getting businesses to sell the jewelry back into their stores and promote it. As PUR makes more money I can get larger ovens and more molds, and recycle more!

The next step is to



make fence posts. I have the mold figured out. The material would be made out of silage – it's used to wrap hay bales. Right now it's not being recycled and it's hard for the dairy people to get rid of. That's my second project, but it needs a lot of funding. The best part is that the farmers need these posts!

**Local Worm Guy**  
Lloyd Barker  
Owner/Operator

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complish their goals of mitigating their environmental impact. Without our services, the hundreds of yards of material we divert every year would end up being shipped away, toxified, and buried in the landfill.

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**WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION** Arcata Main Street's Winter Solstice Celebration, featuring free hot chocolate, snow and the Snowflake Queen, takes place Saturday, Dec. 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza. Have your photo taken with the Snowflake Queen from 3 to 5 p.m. Bandemonium will perform from 4 to 6 p.m.

## A mysterious Wintersong, Krampusfest and other X-related events

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, I picked up a copy of an obscure record album titled *Village Music of Bulgaria: A Harvest, a Shepherd, a Bride*. It was on the Nonesuch label, who released classical music along with esoteric world music.

The music had a haunting sound, with women's voices used in ways that sounded, well, mysterious. The collection was produced by **Ethel Raim** and **Martin Koenig**, who worked with the Smithsonian Institute unearthing traditional Balkan music.

Elsewhere, Swiss ethnomusicologist **Marcel Cellier** brought the unusual not-quite-traditional East-Euro music to the world with polyphonic and diaphonic harmonies on an obscure record of his own in the 1960s. *Le Mystère des Voix Bulgares* featured the Bulgarian State Television Female Vocal Choir, a state-supported folk ensemble originally founded in the 1950s during the Soviet Socialist era.

Then in the 1980s, **Ivo Watts-Russell**, founder of the hip British label 4AD, heard a dubbed cassette of the record, something he'd borrowed from **Peter Murphy**, lead singer of

Bauhaus. As an indirect result, the *Le Mystère...* record was re-issued, along with a *Mystère Vol. 2*. **Marcel Cellier** ended up winning a Grammy Award for that record in 1989. The rest is record collector history.

**Bulgarian State Television Female Vocal Choir** toured the world, eventually even playing in Arcata.

Fast-forward again to now, and we have **Kitka**, an all-woman a cappella ensemble from the Bay Area, exploring the same sort of harmonic territory,

but making it their own. The ladies are in town this weekend for a show Friday at the Arcata Playhouse they call *Wintersong*.

Kitka showcases "seasonal music from a wide variety of Eastern European ethnic and spiritual traditions. The singers blend a contemporary sensibility with specialized vocal techniques from Eastern Europe using only their unaccompanied voices, creating a constantly shifting landscape of sound." They start with Bulgarian folk melodies and explore Albanian, Bosnian, Serbo-Croatian, Georgian, Hungarian, Latvian, Macedonian, Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian, Yiddish, "and more."

After Kitka's *Wintersong*, our own folk ensemble **Chubritza** and members of the Balkan Music



**WINTERSONG** Kitka performs Friday, Dec. 20 at the Arcata Playhouse.

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Meetup (who play Mondays at the Sanctuary and practice in a yurt in Manila) will play more mysterious music for dancing, "and pre-Solstice activities." (It's a long story, but a version of Chubritza played after the touring Bulgarian Women's Choir came here years ago. I was the caterer for that show, which led to my wife snapping her Achilles tendon while dancing.) Showtime for *Wintersong* is Friday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Playhouse. Advance tickets recommended. Be careful if you dance afterward.

Get in the Xmas mood with the original 1947 movie ***Miracle on 34th Street***, which addresses the question, is Santa real? (A

young Natalie Woods is unsure.) It's on the big screen at the Eureka Theater Thursday, Dec. 19, starting at 7:30 with doors at 7 p.m. Come early as they promise, "In addition to our regular fare, Tom & Jerrys and other warm beverages will be available. Santa hats and holiday sweaters encouraged," ugly or otherwise.

**GCQ** plays jazzy tunes in The Basement Thursday, Dec. 19, 8 to 10 p.m. That would be a quartet led by guitarist **Greg Camphius** of LoveBush, Bump Foundation and many bands that have come and gone, I believe starting with Spank.

This combo? "It's my jazz quartet," said Mr. Camphius. "Al-

though I've had different players almost every time, I guess it will be **Mike LaBolle** (drums), **Matt Seno** (piano), me (Greg on guitar), and, bass as yet unknown." That's how it works sometimes.

Eureka High School's "staff band," **Staff Infection**, performs at Redwood Curtain Brewing on Friday, Dec. 20, starting at 8 p.m. "The show is free and all ages are welcome," which means students can come.

"Staff Infection has rocked and represented Eureka City Schools with a plethora of teacher/musician line-ups since the early '90s." The band photo indicates the hardworking drummer Mike LaBolle is typically among them.

At The Jam that same Friday, **Who Is She?** presents **Mix Tape No. 9**, which is "the last Mixtape of the year," they point out, and probably the last one with **Pete Ciotti** as Jam owner. Who Is She promises "some awesome mix genre talent and maybe a little holiday cheer," although they don't say who's playing. My educated guess is it's local EDM DJs/producers of the bass music type.

There's "**A Very Tiki Holiday Party**" Friday at the Mini-plex from 9 p.m. until midnight. "Get in the holiday spirit with rum drinks, vintage exotica records, tinsel, velvet, and Soul Night DJ Red and Dancin! Two drink min-

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## THE NUTCRACKER

SUNDANCE BALLET COMPANY

ARCATA — The Sundance Ballet Company, Humboldt County's pre-professional ballet company, will present the traditional ballet production of *The Nutcracker*, Saturday, Dec. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 22 at the Van Duzer Theater on the Humboldt State campus.

Adventure awaits as Clara and her Nutcracker Prince battle the Rat King and embark on a journey through the Land of Sweets with the Sugarplum Fairy in the iconic holiday ballet classic, *The Nutcracker*.

The Nutcracker became more than a ballet long ago because of its unique story blend of the fantastical and the human, a tradition that has stuck around for generations. Not many works of art are capable of creating memory and the passing of time so profoundly for the audience and those on stage alike, as *The Nutcracker*.

This is the seventh annual Nutcracker production by the Sundance Ballet Company, a DreamMaker Project of the Ink People, lead by Artistic Director Carrie Badeaux.

"These talented dancers rehearse for months. We are so honored to once again bring this cast of close to 100 dancers to the stage" said Badeaux. This year debuts a whole new battle scene in the first act with new mouse costumes, riveting fight choreography, and an impressive grown rocking horse prop that are not to be missed.

Tchaikovsky's music comes to life in the exhilarating allegro and pointe work of Badeaux's mesmerizing choreography, detail-rich party scene, marvelous blizzard of dancers and falling snow, and comedic interlude of Mother Ginger. The heart-fluttering Sugarplum Fairy and Cavalier grand pas de deux is danced by San Francisco guest artists Marina Kus and Charles Torres, one of the anticipated highlights of the show.

Guest coaches helping Dance Scene Studio students prepare for the upcoming production include Gina Ness and Gardner Carlson, former San Francisco Ballet dancers. The



**THE NUTCRACKER** Above, Mother Ginger and Bon Bons. Back row, Maridee Farmer. Middle row, Charlotte Filomeo, Emma Mellon, Halp Buck, Elizabeth Arndt, Margo Nims and Ava Fischer. Front row, Faith Carter, Keira McNeil, Hadlee Cooper, Mikaela Dortch, Indiana Knapp, Lizzy Gibbons and Paisley Smith. Right, in Arabian Coffee, Corbin Skyberg and Clairese Mayo.

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pas de deux of *Rose in the Waltz of the Flowers* danced by Brooke Grammer and Cain Towers along with the *Arabian Coffee* divertissement danced by Clairese Mayo and Corbin Skyberg are not to be missed.

Mayo reveals, "The dance is a great beauty passed down from generations performing *The Nutcracker*. *Arabian Coffee* is a staple in the ballet and I'm honored to perform such an intimate dance between two individuals."

Tickets for *The Nutcracker* performances on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.

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**90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** Friends and family are invited to Willis “Lefty” Webb’s 90th birthday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of his daughter Michelle “Mitch” Voyles at 2500 Dragonfly Pl. in McKinleyville. Lefty is a fourth-generation Humboldt County resident. His recent home was Yuma, Arizona where he lived with his wife, Shirley. As Lefty is a recent widower, he has returned to Humboldt County to live with his daughter and son-in-law. Lefty is a proud Korean War veteran, and has many vivid and colorful stories about his time as a medic in the Army. He can also regale us with some fine tales of his youth growing up in the Blue Lake area. These stories include antics with his buddies..... names forthcoming at his celebration as many of these cohorts are happily still with us today. Please come and enjoy this day with Lefty and listen to the history of his youth as well as the history of the area, as he was employed with Simpson Timber Company in Korbel for much of his life and did freelance construction on many of the homes in the area.



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## Winter Wonderland Horse Story Tour in Blue Lake

I love this time of year. There is just so many great family activities going on, and Blue Lake is no exception!

I hope you all enjoyed the Blue Lake Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 14. Thank you so much to those who were able to be vendors, those who helped with the children’s craft section, and all who volunteered their time to make this a great success. This was an amazing benefit for the Blue Lake Parks and Recreation Department.

This week’s awesome event is brought to us by the Blue Lake Saddle Club. A Winter Wonderland Horse Story Tour takes place on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Blue Lake Museum Strip. There will be three to four story booths. An announcement for the event states “listen to stories that celebrate the magic of horses and the lessons that they teach us.” There will be music by Cowgirl Georgia Ruth Willits. There will be free gifts for the first hundred children. If you missed last year, try not to miss this year! This is amazing.



❖ BLUE LAKE NOTES  
April Sousa

There will be three to four story booths with riders and their horses – each story features a horse in some way. Santa will come visit and the eighth graders from Blue Lake School will be holding a Cocoa and Bake Sale to help fund their end of the year trip! Come on down in the early evening to the Blue Lake Museum lawn - you can’t miss it!

I hope you all have a very happy holiday. I’ll be on break from my notes for the next couple of weeks, so see you in the new year!

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## A concert, open mic, holiday party and more

The McKinleyville Community Choir will fill Trinidad Town Hall with Christmas tunes on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by choir members, several of whom are your Trinidad neighbors.

Trinidad Civic Club is a concert sponsor. All are welcome. Donations are appreciated but not required. There is no reserved seating. Last year’s concert was packed with eager listeners, so don’t be late.

**Solstice Holiday Party**  
Byran Radzin will host a Friday Open Mic at Westhaven Center for the Arts on Friday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. Share music, poetry and stories in a cozy environment. There is a \$2 to \$5 suggested donation. For information call (707) 616-8649 or email [brr5@humboldt.edu](mailto:brr5@humboldt.edu).

Clarence will host a Sacred Talking Circle on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. The circle will begin with a potluck. Visit [westhaven-center.org](http://westhaven-center.org) for more information.

WCA’s annual Open House and Solstice Holiday Party, is set for Sunday, Dec. 22 at 5:45 p.m. Bring a hot or cold side dish, salad or dessert. WCA will provide turkey, hot spiced cider, eggnog, plates and utensils. Singing begins at 6:45 p.m.

There’s a Holiday Bazaar at the Center all month as well. Find jewelry, origami, succulents, prints, cards, knitted potholders, night lights, compact discs and more during WCA open hours Friday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Bea Stanley’s colorful exhibit of her “Welcome to My Garden” are on view through the end of the month

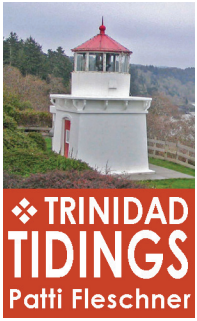
WCA ends 2019 with David Sandercott and his “Make 2020 Your Best Year Yet!” workshop on Friday, Dec. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. David writes “Don’t let 2020 go by without making the changes you know you need to make. Get crystal clear on your goals and create an action plan to make 2020 the best year of your life.”

The cost is \$25 if you register in advance at [davidsandercott.com](http://davidsandercott.com) or \$30 at the door. For more information call (310) 663-9879.

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Merry Christmas!  
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## Students help seniors celebrate the holidays

Holidays are here at the McKinleyville Senior Center. Last Monday we had our annual Christmas Party. Smaller this year, but great fun and well attended.

Thanks to the band and singers from Pacific Union School. They were wonderful and attracted quite an audience. The brass section was terrific and caused more than one hearing aid to be turned down. Small, live space, exuberant kids and well played carols. Thank you!



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event festive and fun. Thank you to Morris School for your thoughtfulness. And there was the food, a delicious finger food brunch from Pat and Diane, beautifully set up, every bit of it a taste-treat and more home-made pies than should be legal.

Every table was full, and an overflow crowd pulled up chairs and enjoyed great food, holiday music and lots of laughter. Thanks to all who attended for accommodating the last-minute change in scheduling conflicts and joined us.

Most classes and activities will meet as usual this next week and the center will close from Dec. 23 until

mid-January for cleaning, maintenance and a break for our many dedicated, hard-working volunteers.

Please call the desk (707) 839-0191 to make sure your class will be meeting at the usual time and date. We are all looking forward to returning to a more predictable schedule, some new activities and reuniting with friends. As always, please come join us and support your only local newspaper by subscribing to the *Mad River Union* (707) 822-7000. Here’s wishing you a wonderful holiday season. See you again in January.



**HOLIDAY CHEER** Evie and Janet at the McKinleyville Senior Center Christmas party.

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Call or text Patti Stammer (707) 845-2817 for info, to suggest something for the newspaper, or just to say hello.

## The HUM | 3rd Annual Krampusfest Holiday Revue

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mum,” but not necessarily containing rum.

Saturday in Eureka it’s another **Winterbrite Pub Crawl**, where you’re invited to, “Take a stroll through the streets of Old Town and Downtown Eureka sampling delicious drink and appetizer specials featuring locally made products from select bars and restaurants,” from 4 to 8 p.m. presented by **Humboldt Made** and **Visit Eureka**.

You might want to end up your crawl at the Eagle House as the **Jim Lahman Band** plays the blues and such in Phatsy Kline’s Parlor Lounge starting at 7:30 p.m.

Earlier, around 1 p.m., it’s **Tuba Christmas** time again as the beautiful sound of tubas playing Christmas carols can be heard emanating from the Old Town Gazebo.

On Saturday, Dec. 21,

Richard’s Goat and the Miniplex present the **3rd Annual Krampusfest Holiday Revue**. “Come celebrate the Winter Solstice [officially at 8:19 p.m.] and the darkest season with live music from **Blood Gnome** (elusive all-girl synth-pop in their bi-annual appearance), strange storytelling and visuals from **Comix Trip**, neo-riot-grrrl garage punk from **Sad Krotch**, plus an opportunity to get your picture taken with Krampus, mall-Santa style. (Buy a shot, get a shot with Krampus.) Be sure to wear your ugliest ugly Christmas sweaters!”

“Who is Krampus, you ask? Krampus is a goat-horned creature in German, Austrian, Hungarian, and Czech folklore, a counterpart to St. Nicholas, but with roots in pre-Christian pagan tradition. He leaves naughty children sticks instead of presents in some traditions, and if they’re especially naughty he steals them away to the Underworld. (So be nice!)” Pictures with Krampus

and your kids from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Goat is 21 and up after. Showtime for the show in the Miniplex at 9:30 p.m.

Meanwhile Saturday at Redwood Curtain Brewing, **The Movers and The Shakers** rock and roll starting at 8 p.m. (All ages welcome, all night.)

Pete Ciotti and friends get down with a **Grateful Getdown: Dead Night at The Jam**. “Come celebrate the holiday with some Dead tunes,” urges Pete. “Just one more Saturday night!” he notes, quoting Bob “Ace” Weir (of the Dead). Showtime 9-ish.

At Humbrews it’s **Soul Party No. 31: Soul On Ice**, allegedly an annual thing. “Still an all-vinyl affair and still just five bucks!” 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

At (or in) the Basement, it’s **Moon Segue** “featuring the vocal stylings of Lizzy, and the depictive guitar playing from David’s repertoire, a mix of jazz and blues standards for a relaxing evening of your listening pleasure.” Starting at 9 p.m.

At Blue Lake Casino, same night, catch the musical stylings of **Claire Bent & Citizen Funk**, “a mix of high-energy funk, soul and R&B, with Claire’s soulful voice backed by experienced longtime musicians,” (that would be her band).

Really in the mood for Xmas? The Dance Scene Studio’s performance company, **Sundance Ballet Company**, “Humboldt County’s pre-professional ballet company,” presents the traditional Christmas ballet **The Nutcracker**

Dec. 21 and 22.

“Adventure awaits as Clara and her Nutcracker Prince battle the Rat King and embark on a journey through the Land of Sweets with the Sugarplum Fairy in the iconic holiday ballet classic.” The show runs three times: Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. at HSU’s Van Duzer Theatre.

Need a break from all the requisite holiday shopping? “Come enjoy a glass of wine and an afternoon of jazz at the Morris Graves Museum of Art on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 3-5 p.m. **Nice n’ Easy** plays the standard jazz tunes we’ve all come to know and love, so get ready to tap your toes and enjoy the show,” they suggest. The combo is usually a trio with **Albert Clark** on piano, **Bill Moehnke** on drums and **Bear Winkle** on bass (with a Santa-esque beard), but this time the trio has a special guest vocalist, **Brigette Brannan**. Will they be doing Xmas music? I doubt it, not exclusively anyway, although pianist **Vince Guaraldi** wrote some fine material for *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

Is your semi-official **“Peanuts Charlie Brown Christmas Tree”** ready? If not, you can buy one at various stores (and/or online), “complete with Linus’ blanket and the lone ornament, to remind you what’s really important for years to come.” (Assembly required.)

That’s all for now, except to wish you a happy holiday, whichever one you’re celebrating. Merry X!

### Wesleyan Church of the Redwoods

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OBITUARY

Susan ‘Yasoda’ Deschenes  
July 14, 1943 - Nov. 25, 2019

Susan “Yasoda” Deschenes, born July 14, 1943 left her family and friends on Nov. 25, 2019 at the age of 76.

Susan Francis Harris was born in Worcester, Mass. Along with her older sister Margaret, she spent her childhood years in Spencer, Mass. and then El Cajon, Calif., along with several aunts, uncles and a myriad of cousins. In 1949 her mother re-married and the family moved to Tecumseh, Mich. where Susan later graduated from high school.

Susan moved to San Diego where she lived at the YWCA while working and attending college. She met and wed Robert Gillespie on Nov. 16, 1963 and they moved to East Los Angeles, Calif. where the first of their four daughters was born. The young family eventually moved to Simi Valley in late 1969, and Susan’s faith led her to Shepherd of the Valley where she became a Youth Group Leader, and then served as Summer Art Director at Pilgrim Pines – a United Church of Christ camp.

Once the two older girls began grade school, Susan enrolled at Moorpark Junior College, often commuting on a 1970 Honda Trail 90 motorbike holding the twins in front of her as she rode the motorbike to college.

In the fall of 1974 she decided to move to Humboldt County where she and the girls made McKinleyville their home for several years. Susan enrolled at Humboldt State University where she was greatly influenced by Prof. Samuel Oliner, Sister Dolores Poelzer and Fritz Pointer graduating with a degree in Sociology in 1977.

Susan owned a 1967 VW van, and was one of the few women taking vehicle repair classes with Frank Jolly to keep the van running reliably.

In 1977 she moved her family to San Luis Obispo where she worked as a probation officer for the California State Department of Probation and was a volunteer with the Friends Outside, a non-profit organization which provided services to families of prison inmates at California Men’s Colony.

Meanwhile Susan continued her search for spiritual enlightenment which lead her to Poona, India in the summer of 1979 where she became a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rashneesh. “Ma Anand Sue” returned to the States later that fall and asked her eldest daughter where they should move to next. The two packed their belongings and hitchhiked along the California coast from Cambria and arrived several days later on the Arcata Plaza. The younger three girls later joined them in their new home in early 1980.

Susan worked as a case worker with Midway Ex-Offenders Service in Eureka assisting new parolees in efforts to secure housing, work and provided counseling services to enable supportive and successful transitions.

In the spring of 1982 she met Rodrique “Pravesh” Deschenes and they moved to Molalla, Oregon where she worked at the Molalla Service Center helping people secure employment.

Her goal she said was to work herself out of a job. During this same period, Bhagwan Shree Rashneesh’s followers had purchased a ranch in Antelope, Oregon and his disciples settled in various communities throughout Oregon. Our Mom and Pravesh had numerous unsettling encounters and protests with local commu-

nity members who were disturbed by the new inhabitants in their community. She and Pravesh married in January 1983 and they spent several years in Wilsonville, Ore.

In 1982 she was given the name “Ma Anand Yashu” or blessed one, and later “Yasoda.” As children we were always able to know during which time period various friends had met her by the name they used to greet Mom.

In the mid-1980s ‘Yashu’ became acquainted with Leonard Orr, the founder of “Rebirthing Breathwork” and became a rebirthing consultant and was an organizer for events held throughout the international community. She and Pravesh moved to Mill Valley, Calif. and later separated.

Mom continued her travels and, on her last pilgrimage to India, she left California with a train ticket to Montreal and \$75. She returned to Arcata two years later with \$300, never-to-be-forgotten experiences in England, Spain, Austria, India, Italy and South Africa and the name “Yasoda”.

Following the arrivals of her grandchildren in the early 1990s, she returned to Arcata, worked with the Humboldt Senior Resource Center, often commuting on an old upright single-speed bike from Arcata to Eureka. She worked for several years as a case manager for the Arcata House Transitional Program, and later returned to the Senior Resource Center as their Site Coordinator.

All the while she continued coordinating for Leonard Orr, organizing retreats at Campbell Hot Springs and visiting ashrams in Nebraska.

In 2017 Mom moved to McKinleyville where she enjoyed being in a light and warm home, watching the neighbors chickens or rabbits saunter into her manicured yard where they amused her with their antics. She had several care providers and daughters who enabled her to continue to live independently.

Her four daughters and grandchildren were able to be at her bedside in continuous shifts the past two months as she received skilled nursing care in Redding, Calif. We are blessed for the time we had with her to love, support, laugh, care, share, witness and honor her.

She was preceded in death by her father Francis Harris, mother Eleanor (Balfe) Harris, sister Margaret (Harris) Sandberg, close friend Judy Lewis and her teacher Leonard Orr.

Mom/Susan/Yasoda leaves behind her four daughters: Jill (Walter) Duffy of Orick, Cari (Steve) Tietsort of Brentwood, Stacy (Tricia) Gillespie of Sacramento and Becky Gillespie of Shingletown; grandchildren Brian Mobasser, Michael Tietsort (Tracy), Daniel Geist, and Claire Tietsort; great-granddaughter Ayla, brother Bruce Smith and numerous cousins.

The family also thanks Theresa Whitehawk, Susan Zeller, Judy Bergenske, Jan Neal, Wendall Schautz and Susan Oneglia for their years of friendship and laughter.

We also thank Dr. Sarah Scher and the wonderful staff at Humboldt Open Door Clinic and Mad River Community Hospital for their many years of care.

A private family service was held at Blue Lake Cemetery on Dec. 3, 2019. Please consider a donation to Arcata House Partnership, 1005 11th St., Arcata, CA 95521 or the charity of your choice in Mom’s name.



**NUTCRACKER IN NARNIA** Trinity Ballet Academy of McKinleyville’s Youth Ballet presents *Nutcracker in Narnia* on Saturday, Dec. 21. at 3:30 p.m. at the Arcata High Performing Arts Center, 1720 M St. in Arcata. Tickets are \$16 general and \$9 for children 11 and under. Julia Sheppard, left, will dance *Breath of Heaven*. This Humboldt County tradition invites the audience to join the Kings and Queens of Narnia at their Christmas celebration, featuring Dances from the Land of the Nutcracker and Dances from the Land of the Christmas Star. Ages nine to adult will perform in this original ballet created by Trinity Ballet Academy director, Greta Levereff. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



Doors open at 2:45 p.m. Tickets also are available at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). Call (707) 839-1816 for more information. PHOTO BY KRISTIN RENFER

OBITUARY

Marian Schussman Falor  
Feb. 3, 1923 – Dec. 11, 2019

Longest serving First Lady Jean Marian Schussman Falor passed away peacefully on Dec. 11, 2019 surrounded by loved ones.

Jean was born on Feb. 3, 1923 in Kaukauana, Wisconsin to Henrietta Harrison Brigham Schussman and Leo George Schussman. Jean moved with her family to Arcata, California when she was 1.5 years old when her father was invited to teach at Humboldt State Normal School (now Humboldt State University).

As a child, Jean was blessed to have as her best friend, Helen Arnold Stover, a friendship that lasted 94 years until Helen’s death.

Music was a big part of their lives and friendship. Helen, and Jean were in band and orchestra while at Arcata High. Helen played bassoon, while Jean played the double belled euphonium and the cello.

The band took an annual trip to San Francisco Bay area at the end of the year, and one year, this included being invited and playing at the dedication of the Golden Gate Bridge (this was an honor because not all local school bands were invited to march and play). Jean also played a solo (from the *Barber of Seville*) in a music competition in San Francisco.

At Arcata High, Jean and Helen were members of the Girl’s Athletic Association (which required three first teams or 400 points for admission), Choir, yearbook staff, student council and Latin Club. Jean was on the championship volley ball team in 1939.

Helen and Jean were also on the speed ball team that was victorious in the final game of a series of inter-class speed ball contests!

While in high school, Helen and Jean were also in a band that played for local dances. Jean learned to play the stand up base to round out Helen’s piano, Marlan Stover’s sax, and another member’s talents. Ruth Carroll got this band together and would transport the band to “gigs” in her very small Ford. Jean, Marlan and the string base were relegated to the back seat and it made for a very tight fit!

Each year, from the seniors at Arcata High, four students would be selected (two boys and two girls) to vie for the then Tiger Sweater. Jean and Helen were selected for their senior year.

These students would have the highest grade point average, have participated in sports, and extra curricular activities. Jean did not care if she won or not, because if she did not win that meant that Helen did! Helen was selected to receive the Tiger Sweater and Jean, the Tiger A.

Jean’s senior yearbook quote was “From a little spark may burst a mighty flame,” which prophesied the contribution Jean and her husband Ward would have on our community.

In May of 1939, both Helen and Jean won voice scholarships to Humboldt State where they both were to matriculate.

Helen and Jean would also sing to provide entertainment for women’s club meetings. One such meeting was to take place in Old Town Eureka. When they arrived with their male piano accompanist, Helen started up the stairs where she assumed the meeting would be taking place, but an animated accompanist stopped her abruptly because red light district activities were practiced upstairs.

The thought of Helen almost barging in upstairs got the girls to giggling. Helen and Jean composed themselves and were ready they thought to sing, but the piano was so out of tune, and the final two notes of the lead in so sour that it got the girls to giggling again each time the two sour notes would resonate. Needless to say, there was no entertainment to be had that day, and decades later when the two told the story, they still started to giggle at the remembrance!

It was thanks to Helen that Jean met the love of her life, Ward E. Falor. Helen was the Choir Mistress of the Arcata Methodist Church Choir and Jean joined to help Helen out.

Helen produced an Easter Medley and in it Helen had Jean singing *Rejoice Greatly, Oh Daughter’s of Zion*. The pro-

duction was such a hit that Jean and Helen were invited to perform (Helen on the piano and Jean singing) at an after Easter program at a Eureka Methodist Church.

In attendance at this performance was Ward Falor who was quite taken with Jean. When the two subsequently met on Oct. 4, 1940, at a Music Club party at Redwood Park in Arcata (after which Ward gave Jean a ride home in his ’36 maroon Chevy), the two started a relationship that turned into a 63-year marriage!

During World War II, Jean and Ward worked at North American Aviation. Jean worked building B-25 Mitchel Bombers, and P-51 Mustang Fighters, while Ward served as a flight mechanic and gunnery tester. From 1945-1947, Jean was parted from Ward while he was stationed in Japan with the U.S. Army Air Corps, until he was discharged with a service disability after surviving a plane crash in Japan.

Jean received her teaching degree from Humboldt (1939-1946 with a wartime break), and taught kindergarten in Eureka, California (although to be closer to Ward who was the first to work at North American Aviation, Jean attended U.C. Santa Barbara for some of her education (1942)).

After the end of the war, Jean and Ward moved to San Francisco, California for Ward to study to become pharmacist at University of California School of Pharmacy.

After pharmacy school, from 1951-1953, Jean and Ward lived in the Bay Area until the North Town Merchant Association of Arcata, California, invited Ward and Jean to open a pharmacy in North Town Arcata which they did in March of 1953 (Falor’s Pharmacy which had the first drive up pharmacy window and 24 hour prescription service), followed by Villa Pharmacy in McKinleyville, Buxton’s Drug’s (Eureka), and Arcata Family Drugs.

Jean is the longest serving first lady of Arcata, California while Ward was Mayor from 1962 to 1964, and 1966 to 1970. Jean also supported Ward during his many efforts to better their community (Arcata Harbor, first Chairman of LAFCo, new water system for Arcata, Vice Chairman of Humboldt Bay Commission, retention by the City of the Jacoby Creek Watershed, member of the California Coastal Zone Conservation Commission, and bringing the Arcata Pool and Mad River Hospital into existence).

Jean’s love of sports continued after her time at Arcata High, with Jean water skiing (even from a “dry start” with an assist from a willow branch, while 7 months pregnant with Tamara in 1959!), snow skiing (learned on the bunny slope at Horse Mountain with Kitty and Tammy), and boating (both sail and motorized, although racing was reserved for their special order double cockpit/double masted ketch).

Jean also was a reluctant horsewoman when Tammy and Kitty were growing up on their horses.

Continuing from her childhood experiences with Dr. Fountain’s family at the Schussman cabin in Big Lagoon, Ward and Jean acquired their own cabin, and taught their children to water ski and hunt for agates there.

Jean was preceded in death by her beloved husband Arcata Mayor Ward E. Falor, her first born son, Burke Falor, her parents, her brother and sister-in-law Myron and June Schussman.

Jean is survived by her children: Ward Michael Falor; June Falor Lantheaume (Mike Lantheaume); Kathryn Falor Wethey (JackWethey); and Tamara C. Falor (Mike Dolf).

Surviving grandchildren are: Aileen Kuttler (Kyle Kuttler); Mike May (Brenda May); Constance Jackson; Milo Falor (Carrie Foust Falor); Tina Lantheaume Jackson; Tammy Cardwell (Robert Cardwell); Nicholas Winston Villalobos Falor; Breanna Wethey; and Cole Wethey (Kenzie Smith).

Surviving great-grandchildren are: Zachary Stewart (Becca Stewart); Michaela May; Willa Jackson; Dylan Cardwell; and Alayna Cardwell.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** The United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer, located at 1444 Central Ave. in McKinleyville, invites the public to a special worship service on Christmas eve at 4:30 p.m. This service is a family friendly service and includes scripture, music and ends with a candlelighting. The Church of the Joyful Healer is a fully inclusive community; *all* are welcome and celebrated! For more information, please contact the church office at (707) 839-5691 or email the pastor at [umc-joyfulhealer@gmail.com](mailto:umc-joyfulhealer@gmail.com).



# Everybody’s a dreamer and everybody’s a star – specially Seamus

Happy Holidays! I hope you were able to come to the shelter’s Holiday Open House. A little afternoon rain didn’t dampen anyone’s spirits and a good time was had by all.

The dogs and cats put on their best faces for their guests and many dollars came in for the very important Emergency Medical Fund!

The shelter will be open regular hours the rest of this week and Monday. They will be closing at 4 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25, open again on the Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 27.

Redwood Pals Rescue has some exciting news! You might remember that our rescue boy Seamus was discovered by a Hollywood animal trainer last year.

He has completed a major motion picture that will be coming out in October of 2020. We are sworn to secrecy until the trailers are released but I think everyone will be excited when they hear who his human co-star is!

One of the challenges for making movies with animals is that they need more than one to play the same part and Seamus has an unusual look.

Two weeks ago a cute young dog came to the shelter and before long we noticed the resemblance to Seamus. My rescue partner Jeanne suggested I send some photos to

the trainers down south and they fell in love immediately!

As I write this, they are making the long drive up to take little Max back to Los Angeles. We look forward to following his career and expect that he and Seamus will be spotted in more films in the future!

For a star in your own movie, look no further than our sweet little mama Prima or one of her two adorable puppies.

Prima came to the shelter pregnant, a fact she kept fairly well hidden as she was carrying only two puppies.

Redwood Pals found her a foster home with one of our wonderful volunteers where she could have her pups and care for them through their first weeks of life.

They are just about ready to leave the nest now and we are looking for good homes for them and for Prima.

Prima is a lovely little black-and-white mutt mix, great with other dogs and friendly with people. She is just a youngster herself, definitely under two years old.

She is housebroken and crate trained. Prima showed a lot of interest in the chickens when she spent Thanksgiving at a small farm (though she was responsive to being called

away) so a home without free-ranging chickens would be better for her.

She is a cheerful and cooperative little dog and will make a great companion. She listens well and would be a good candidate for off leash training, once she is established with her new people.

Her little boys, Gingy and Mongo, are the cutest fat little puppies ever! They either have a large breed father or they have just been making the most of the mama’s milk that might have fed a lot more pups.

They were already 15 pounds at five weeks and are now rapidly gaining on Prima, who is only about 35 to 40 pounds. Gingy is a beautiful grey and brown brindle and Mongo is mostly black.

They have short thick coats and lovely gentle manners. Anyone looking for a larger breed puppy should check these boys out!

All three from this family will be available on a foster to adopt basis, which means caring for them like your own until they can be spayed and neutered, at which time the adoption can be completed.

Please contact us at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) to meet this adorable family. You can also call our voicemail at (707) 633-8842 and leave a clear message.



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5 - 6 NIGHTLY

THURSDAY - SATURDAY

LATE NIGHT 9 - 11

\$4 WELL DRINK

\$6 COSMO

\$6 MOSCOW MULE

\$3 PINT OF STEELHEAD PALE ALE OR LAGUNITAS IPA

\$5 PINT OF BOOTH IPA OR HUMBOLDT CIDER CO. CIDER

\$7 OFF A BOTTLE OF WINE (750 ML)

\$4 GLASS OF HOUSE CHARDONNAY OR CABERNET SAUVIGNON

\$6 HOUSE MARGARITA

\$5 SHOT OF JAMESON, TITO'S OR CORRALEJO REPOSADO

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
19-00674

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**WEST OF WEST 2242 FICKLE HILL ROAD**  
ARCATA, CA 95521

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HUMBOLDT LEGENDS**  
CA C3903802

2242 FICKLE HILL ROAD  
ARCATA, CA 95521

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

A CORPORATION  
S/ARTHUR LICHTENBERGER  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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CONDUCTED BY:

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
S/LESLIE KILGORE  
MANAGING MEMBER

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**ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
19-00090

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**WEST OF WEST 5600 WEST END ROAD SUITE H2**  
ARCATA, CA 95521

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT ACE WIELD INC**  
CALIFORNIA C4195151

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

A CORPORATION  
S/ARTHUR LICHTENBERGER  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
19-00651

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**SOMETHING BORROWED EVENT RENTALS**  
1825 LINDA WAY  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT LACE AND BOOTS LLC**  
CA 201911910234

1825 LINDA WAY  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
S/LESLIE KILGORE  
MANAGING MEMBER

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
19-00669

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**LASH AND BROW ARTISTRY**  
320 2ND ST. SUITE 2C  
ARCATA, CA 95521

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT JOSEPH N. O'GORMAN**  
220 RUSSELL LN  
ARCATA, CA 95521

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

AN INDIVIDUAL  
S/JOSEPH N. O'GORMAN  
OWNER

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